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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM DAR ES SALAAM DATED DECEMBER 14,
1977 SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO PRETORIA, LUSAKA, GABORONE,
MAPUTO, LONDON IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

S E C R E T DAR ES SALAAM 4969

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FOR DICK MOOSE:

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: RH, PDEV, UK, TZ

SUBJECT: RHODESIA BRIEFING OF NYERERE

REF: STATE 296554

1. I USED REFTTEL DURING SMALL PRIVATE DINNER AT MSASANI WITH
PRESIDENT NYERERE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 13. HE WAS IN SOCIAL
MOOD, FOR ONCE NOT INCLINED SPEND MUCH TIME ON BUSINESS.
HOWEVER, HE MADE CLEAR HE STILL STOOD ON HIS DECEMBER 9 ASSESS-
MENT AND WAS GLAD THAT WE AGREED WITH IT.

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2. NYERERE REACTED WITH APPROVAL TO: (A) STATEMENT THAT WE DID
NOT INTEND STAND ON SIDELINES DURING SMITH'S GAMBIT, (B)
PROPOSAL FOR CARTER-CHAND VISIT TO MACHEL, (C) IDEA OF FOURIER
VISIT LONDON, (D) REPORT THAT UK IS PREPARING RESPONSE TO
KNOMO-MUGABE LETTER, AND (E) IMPORTANCE OF SITHOLE'S HOLDING TO
POSITION THAT HE WOULD WORK ONLY WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF UK-US

PROPOSALS.

3. WHEN I MENTIONED NKOMO'S CURRENT POSITION THAT TRANSITION MUST BE "CONTROLLED" BY PATRIOTIC FRONT, (LUSAKA 3773) NYERERE SAID THAT COULD BE "SUBJECT TO DEFINITION." IN RESPONSE TO INTIMATION OF NUJOMA'S ADAMACY AT LUSAKA ON SOUTH AFRICAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL IN NAMIBIA, NYERERE SIMPLY SHOOK HIS HEAD SADLY. WHEN I QUOTED RECENT USUN TELEGRAM TO EFFECT THAT TANZANIAN JUNIOR FOREIGN MINISTER FOUM'S PRESENTATION ON RHODESIA HAD BEEN "REALISTIC, BALANCED, AND CONSTRUCTIVE," NYERERE LAUGHED UPROARIOUSLY AND SAID "HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED*"

4. COMMENT: OUR BONA FIDES WITH NYERERE REMAIN GOOD. HE HAS NOT ABANDONED HOPE FOR SUCESS OF THE UK-US PLAN. HE IS PREPARED TO WAIT OUT EVENTS A WHILE LONGER.
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